### BIA Tribal Transportation Program

Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating
Committee Meeting
Crown Plaza Hotel, ABQ, NM
August 15, 2017

#### **Topics**

- Organizational Changes
- FY2017 Budget (TTP and BIA Road Maint.)
- Reports from FAST Act
- ROWs

#### Organizational Changes

- Changes and movement of leadership within BIA and Office of the Special Trustee
- Primarily Senior Executives (RD, DBIA, Spec. Trustee Office)
- Consolidation of space back into Main Interior Building
- Key: Business as Usual
- More to come?

- FY2017 Funding for TTP
  - Obligation limitation 7.2% Lop Off
  - Total Authorized Amount: \$475 M
    - PM&O (\$23,750,000.00)
    - Transportation Planning (\$9,500,000.00)
    - Bridge Program (\$14,250,000.00)
    - Safety Funding (\$9,500,000.00)
    - Tribal Supplemental Funding (\$107,500,000.00)

### FY2016 / FY2017 Comparison

| Description (program) | FY2016        | FY2017        |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Authorization         | \$465,000,000 | \$475,000,000 |
| Lop Off (Ob. Lim.)    | \$23,715,000  | \$34,200,000  |
| PMO                   | \$22,064,250  | \$22,040,000  |
| Safety                | \$8,825,700   | \$8,816,000   |
| Bridge                | \$13,238,550  | \$13,224,000  |
| 2% Planning           | \$8,825,700   | \$8,816,000   |
| Remaining             | \$388,330,800 | \$387,904,000 |
|                       |               |               |
| Lop Off %             | 5.1%          | 7.2%          |
|                       |               |               |

- FY2017 Road Maintenance
  - FY2017 Interior Appropriations Language:
    - Road maintenance is funded at \$30,307,000. The Bureau is urged to focus the program increase on roads and bridges in poor or failing condition, particularly along school bus routes. The Bureau is directed to consolidate the reporting requirements for road maintenance contained in the House and Senate reports and to report back to the Committees within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

# LOS 4 & 5 in FY2016 (Poor and Failing BIA Roads)

|          |           | Current FY2016 Data |          |                |           | Pct. Of LOS |
|----------|-----------|---------------------|----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Reg./LOS | LOS1      | LOS2                | LOS3     | LOS4&5         | Total     | 4&5 of Tot. |
|          | Excellent | Good                | Fair     | Poor / Failing | LOS Miles | LOS's (4&5) |
| GPRO     | 185.3     | 427.8               | 548.7    | 872.4          | 2,034.2   | 6.2%        |
| SPRO     | 8.3       | 146.5               | 99.1     | 16.5           | 270.4     | 0.1%        |
| RMRO     | 163.7     | 471.3               | 923.8    | 987.4          | 2,546.2   | 7.0%        |
| MWRO     | 172.5     | 166.7               | 633.7    | 705.9          | 1,678.8   | 5.0%        |
| WRO      | 8.3       | 352.4               | 2060.1   | 3876.8         | 6,297.6   | 27.6%       |
| PRO      | 29.8      | 104.5               | 502.2    | 105.9          | 742.4     | 0.8%        |
| SWRO     | 46.7      | 241.4               | 2153.4   | 2344.1         | 4,785.6   | 16.7%       |
| NRO      | 70.6      | 516.5               | 2429.2   | 3066.2         | 6,082.5   | 21.8%       |
| NWRO     | 24.3      | 547.5               | 1232.8   | 1627.2         | 3,431.8   | 11.6%       |
| ERO      | 98.9      | 362.3               | 267      | 440.7          | 1,168.9   | 3.1%        |
|          |           |                     |          |                |           |             |
| Total    | 808.4     | 3,336.9             | 10,850.0 | 14,043.1       | 29,038.4  | 100.0%      |

#### **BIE Headcount**

|          | Student (BIE) |
|----------|---------------|
| Reg./LOS | Pct.          |
|          | Headcount *   |
| GPRO     | 27.0%         |
| SPRO     | 0.1%          |
| RMRO     | 1.6%          |
| MWRO     | 6.3%          |
| WRO      | 11.6%         |
| PRO      | 0.0%          |
| SWRO     | 7.5%          |
| NRO      | 33.4%         |
| NWRO     | 5.5%          |
| ERO      | 7.0%          |
|          |               |
| Total    |               |

- Narrative Summary:
- The road maintenance program has an expected increase of \$3,614,000 increase that is to be specifically directed to the following:
  - 1. Focus increase on roads and bridges in poor or failing condition, particularly along school bus routes.

- Narrative Summary (cont.):
- The road maintenance program has an expected increase of \$3,614,000 increase that is to be specifically directed to the following:
  - 2. Consolidate the reporting requirements in the House and Senate reports and report back:
    - a. House:
      - i. The Committee recognizes that only 16% of BIA-owned roads and only 67% of BIA-owned bridges are in fair or better condition.
      - ii. Increase is intended for BIA-owned roads and bridges in poor and failing condition, particularly along school bus routes
      - iii. The Committee remains concerned by the substantial road maintenance backlog.
        - 1. Emergency access corridors in rural tribal communities.
      - iv. The Committee directs the Secretary to submit a report outlining the steps the BIA is taking to address the safety and emergency access issues experienced by remote and isolated tribal communities.

- Narrative Summary (cont.):
- The road maintenance program has an expected increase of \$3,614,000 increase that is to be specifically directed to the following:
  - 2. Consolidate the reporting requirements in the House and Senate reports and report back:
    - b. Senate:
      - i. The Committee provides an increase of \$3,614,000 for road maintenance.
      - ii. The Committee is concerned about the future funding of the Road Maintenance account and the backlog of deferred maintenance of roads in Indian Country;
      - iii. The Committee directs the Bureau to report back in 60 days on how the Bureau plans to allocate the funds provided in the bill.

- Plan submitted to DOI
- Next steps:
  - Based on DOI, Congressional feedback, the remaining funds will be allocated based on approval of plan or modification of plan.

#### Reports from FAST Act

- Congress authorized several reports in the FAST Act.
- Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,
  - "a report describing the quality of transportation safety data collected by States, counties, and Indian tribes for transportation safety systems and the relevance of that data to improving the collection and sharing of data on crashes on Indian reservations."
  - Published May 2017: Tribal Governments & Transportation Safety Data, Report by: Federal Highway Administration Federal Lands Highway Office of Tribal Transportation
- Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Interior, the Attorney General, States, and Indian tribes shall—
  - (1) complete a study that identifies and evaluates options for improving safety on public roads on Indian reservations
  - Currently underway, contact FLH-Wash DC, Office of Tribal Transportation for comments

#### **ROWs**

- Emphasis by BIA regarding ROWs for transportation projects
  - Consistency
  - Uniformity
  - Policy
  - Training